

Recall of Alfalfa Sprouts

According to a press release on the Food and Drug Administration Web site, Sungarden Sprout Company (Cookeville, Tennessee) is voluntarily recalling its 4-ounce packages of alfalfa sprouts. The product has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly persons, and others with weakened immune systems. The recalled alfalfa sprouts were distributed to retail establishments and wholesale distributors in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The retail product is packaged in 4-ounce clear plastic containers with snap closure lids labeled as Sungarden Sprouts, alfalfa (alfalfa and clover), with lot code 11/12. The wholesale product is labeled as Sprouts, 931-526-1106, packaged in 5-pound waxed boxes, identified with lot code 11/11. No illnesses have been reported to date. This voluntary recall was the result of a routine sampling program, which revealed that the finished product might contain the bacteria. Consumers who have questions regarding this recall may contact Sungarden Sprout Company at (931) 526-1106. Persons who purchased the product are urged to dispose of it and contact Sungarden Sprout Company for full refund.

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